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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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TAGS: EFIN, RP

SUBJECT: EXPERT LEGAL TESTIMONY FOR STONEHILL CASE

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING ATTORNEYS IN POSITION TO GIVE AUTHORITATIVE TESTIMONY ON PHILIPPINE LAW RELATING TO COMMUNITY PROPERTY. TESTIMONY NEEDED IN DEPT JUSTICE CASE AGAINST HARRY STONEHILL NOW BEFORE U.S. COURTS. TESTIMONY COULD BE GIVEN BY DEPOSITION, OR ALTERNATIVELY, JUSTICE WOULD AUTHORIZE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF WITNESS AT COURT PROCEEDINGS UNDERWAY IN CALIFORNIA.

2. NAMES OF EX-SENATORS AMBROSIO PADILLA AND ARTURO TOLENTINO HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY JUSTICE REPS HERE AS POSSIBLY QUALIFIED TO GIVE SUCH TESTIMONY. WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION OF THEIR AVAILABILITIES AS WELL AS NAMES OF ANY OTHER ATTORNEYS BELIEVED TO HAVE NECESSARY EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS IN THESE ASPECTS OF PHILIPPINE LAW.

3. AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, PRELIMINARY APPROACHES TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF ATTORNEYS MAY BE MADE. ANY FINAL RETAINER ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE MADE WHEN JUSTICE OFFICIAL, POSSIBLY JOHN J. MCCARTHY, CHIEF GENERAL LITIGATION SECTION, TAX DIVISION, PASSES THROUGH MANILA

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